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1. WE CONVEYED SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL INSTRUCTION TO

ROPARS OF ECAC SECRETARIAT, WHO SAID HE WOULD REPORT IMMEDIATELY BY TELEX TO DOZ IN MONTREAL. (DOZ ARRIVES WASHINGTON THIS EVENING.) HE EXPRESSED SPECIAL CONCERN THAT CAB MIGHT NOT PARTICIPATE IN TALKS UNLESS ITS CONDITIONS WERE MET. HE MENTIONED AVIATION DAILY REPORT THAT NACA PRESSURE WAS BEHIND US POSITION ON PRESENCE OF INDUSTRY OBSERVERS, AND HE CLAIMED ALSO TO HAVE SEEN REPORT THAT A SENATOR WHOSE NAME HE DID NOT RECALL HAD ASKED THAT MARCH 14 MEETING BE CANCELLED. WE SAID THAT WE UNDERSTOOD NACA HAD BROUGHT SOME PRESSURE TO BEAR BUT WE WERE NOT OTHERWISE INFORMED.

2. WE DID POINT OUT TO ROPARS AS PURELY EMBASSY VIEW THAT PROBLEMS WHICH SURROUNDED HOLDING OF MARCH 14 MEETING WERE LARGELY OF ECAC'S OWN MAKING. ECAC HAD PRESENTED US WITH FAIT ACCOMPLI BY ABRUPTLY ISSUING INVITATION ON SHORT NOTICE TO DISCUSS MINIMUM CHARTER RATES, WHICH AS ECAC WELL KNEW WAS TOPIC OF SOME SENSITIVITY DOMESTICALLY IN US THESE DAYS. IT SEEMED TO EMBASSY THAT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN FAR WISER FOR ECAC FIRST TO HAVE SOUNDED OUT US AND CANADIANS INFORMALLY ON WHETHER AND WHEN IT MIGHT BE ADVISABLE TO HOLD SUCH A MEETING, WHICH WOULD HAVE PERMITTED QUIET FURTHER DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE WAYS OF PROCEEDING SHOULD FORMAL MEETING HAVE BEEN JUDGED PREMATURE AT THIS STAGE. ROPARS AGREED THAT THIS MIGHT HAVE BEEN WISER COURSE BUT HE SAID THAT ECAC HAD FELT THAT SITUATION WAS URGENT AND HAD ACTED ACCORDINGLY.

3. WE HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL THUS FAR IN CONTACTING EITHER ABRAHAM OR ESPEROU OF SGAC ON THIS SUBJECT. TRAUCHESSEC LEFT FOR WASHINGTON THIS NOON, A DAY AHEAD OF SCHEDULE.
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